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In re Patent Application of

M. NISHIDA et al

Serial No. 09/940,593

Group Art Unit: 1744-1743

Filed: August 29, 2001

For: REAGENT SETUP METHOD AND REAGENT  
SETUP PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

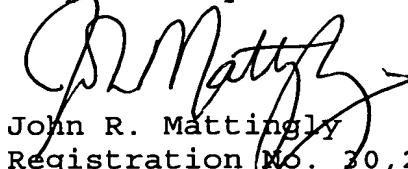
IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 7-9.

REMARKS

Examination is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

No additional fee is required.

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